## Claim amendments

1. (currently amended) A system for supporting a mini blind; including a rigid spline, for thorough cleaning A mini blind cleaning system comprising:

a mini blind having a rigid spine;

a first and a second end support;

said first and said second end support each including a back

portion and a lower portion extending at substantially right angles thereto; and

suction cup means affixed to said back portions for securing said

first and said second end support to a smooth, flat surface with said lower portions

in a horizontal attitude for supporting opposite ends of said spine spline.

- 2. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said end supports include side portions for restricting longitudinal horizontal movement of said spine spline.
- 3. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, wherein said end supports include front portions for restricting transverse horizontal movement of said spine spline.
- 4. (original) The system of claim 1, wherein said suction cup means comprises a pair of suction cups.
- 5. (currently amended) The system of claim 1, further including: an intermediate support for said <u>spine</u> spline, said intermediate support including a back portion and a lower portion extending at substantially right angles thereto; and suction cup means affixed to said back portion of said intermediate portion.

- 6. (original) The system of claim 5, further including horizontal alignment indicia in each of said end portions and said intermediate portion.
- 7. (currently amended) A system for supporting a mini blind, including a rigid spline, for thorough cleaning. A mini blind cleaning system comprising:

a mini blind having a rigid spine;

a first and a second end support;

said first and said second end support each including a back portion, a lower portion extending at substantially right angles thereto and a side portion for restricting longitudinal horizontal movement of said spine spline; and

a pair of suction cups affixed to each of said back portions for securing said end supports to a smooth, flat surface with said lower portions in a horizontal attitude for supporting opposite ends of said spine spline.

- 8. (currently amended) The system of claim 7, further including:
  an intermediate support for said <u>spine</u> spline, said intermediate support including
  a back portion and a lower portion extending at substantially right angles thereto; and
  a pair of suction cups affixed to said back portion of said intermediate portion.
- 9. (original) The system of claim 8, further including horizontal alignment indicia in each of said end portions and said intermediate portion.